

REMARKS

Non-compliant Amendment

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, and correcting the Amendment filed on July 11, 2005.

Previous Claim Rejections (Office Action Mailed 03-28-05)

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-18 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) insofar as the base and the interconnection between the base and the support structure was not illustrated in the drawings. Since this limitation has been deleted from Applicant's amended claims, it is not believed that any drawing corrections are necessary.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 19, 21, 23, 24, 31, and 32 of this application to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations that the Examiner indicated would place the claims in condition for allowance (Office Action mailed on March 28, 2005). It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

It is submitted that the claimed subject matter is described in Applicant's specification in sufficient detail to enable one having ordinary skill in the art to make and use Applicant's invention without undue experimentation. It is believed that Applicant's specification discloses how to make and use the claimed invention.

In the absence of any art cited against Applicant's amended claims 19-36, which are believed to be commensurate in scope with original claims 1-18 and since

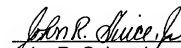
claims 1-18 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, it is not believed that any detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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